

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1 through 41; claims 42 through 44 are withdrawn.

45. (New) A structure comprising:

a retaining wall including a plurality of support components stacked in tiers;

at least two of said tiers including at least two anchor components spaced from a support component and each other, interconnected by force transmitting rigid tie rods; and

a granular filler material disposed between said components,

wherein each of said rods is pivotally connected at each end thereof to one of said support and anchor components.

46. (New) A structure according to claim 45 wherein said components are formed of concrete.

47. (New) A structure according to claim 45 wherein said anchor components are provided with T-shaped cross-sectional configurations.

48. (New) A structure according to claim 47 wherein said tie rods are pivotally connected to interim portions of said anchor components.

49. (New) A structure according to claim 45 wherein said anchor components are provided with U-shaped cross-sectional configurations.

50. (New) A structure according to claim 49 wherein said tie rods are pivotally connected to leg portion of said anchor components.

51. (New) A structure according to claim 45 wherein said filler material includes a bonding agent.

52. (New) A structure according to claim 45 including planar sheets disposed between said ties.

53. (New) A structure according to claim 52 wherein said sheets include openings overlying interconnecting tie rods.